

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ROME 14143 192341Z

15

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-14 CCO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00

EB-11 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 NSCE-00 SPC-03

OC-06 NEA-10 PRS-01 RSC-01 SS-20 USIE-00 USSS-00

SY-10 FAA-00 WRD-03 PA-04 AF-10 COME-00 INT-08 SCEM-02

TRSE-00 SAB-01 DRC-01 /157 W  
----- 048897

R 191700Z DEC 73

FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2425

UNCLAS ROME 14143 SECTION 2 OF 2

....BELIEVE

SINCERITY OF MANY ARAB GOVERNMENTS, FIRST OF ALL EGYPT, WHOSE POLITICS ARE NOW BEING ATTACKED. TRUE VICTIMS OF HIS TERRIBLE EVENT ARE PEACE AND GENEVA CONFERENCE. THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO PEACE, WHICH MUST STEM FROM RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, AND EQUITABLE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL."

9. WEDNESDAY AND YESTERDAYS AVANTI SAYS "ALL KINDS OF SPECULATION CAN BE MADE ON POSSIBLE INSTIGATORS; PERHAPS COLLUSION BETWEEN ARAB OIL POTENTATES AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC GROUPS PLOTTING TO CLUTCH EUROPE AND FREE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN GRIP OF TERROR AND STARVATION... GUERRILLAS SUPPORTED BY GOOD ORGANIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT, AMBIGUOUS BUT WELL ORGANIZED. AT THE TIME MUNICH MASSACRE THERE WAS SUSPICION THAT GUERRILLAS WERE SUPPORTED BY OIL SHEIKS FOR OIL WAR. AGAIN THE REASON MUST BE OIL, AND IN THE LIGHT OF NEW INTERPRETATION, PERHAPS MANY ATTEMPTS AND MASSACRES HAVE DIFFERENT LABEL. PARTICULARLY FIUMICINO MASSACRE IS STRANGE, BECAUSE ITALY TRIED MEDIATION BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELS, AND ITALY IS IRRITATING EVEN THE AMERICANS BECAUSE IT IS NOT OPENLY PRO-ISRAEL. THEREFORE NECESSARY GUARANTEE BOTH ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL AND RIGHT OF PALESTINIAN AVOID POSSIBILITY THAT MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST REMAIN EXPLOSIVE AREA AND ALSO AREA OPEN TO

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ROME 14143 192341Z

PENETRATION BY SUPERPOWERS, WHICH IS ALREADY HAPPENING,

AGAINST INTEREST OF MEDITERRANEAN PEOPLES."

10. IL RESTO DEL CARLINO GIROLAMO MODESTI, CHIEF EDITOR, VIOLENT AGAINST ARABS FOR "FULL WAR DECLARED BY THEM AGAINST EUROPE, SUPPORTED BY SOVIET UNION.... ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING WILD BEASTS, "AFTER TRYING TO HUMILIATE EUROPE AND STARVE IT."

11. L'UNITA' WARNS NOT TO INVOLVE ALL ARABS IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR MASSACRES, ATTACKS CORRIERE DELLA SERA WHICH SAID YESTERDAY THAT THIS MASSACRE IS ARAB REPLY TO EUROPEAN UNDERSTANDING."

12. CUSTOMARY F/P BOX PAESE SERA CARRIES EDITORIAL NOTE "AFTER THE MASSACRE": "IT IS FAIR TO REQUEST THAT PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR MASSACRE AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES BE PUNISHED - THIS SHOULD BE ALSO ARAB RESPONSIBILITY....UNFAIR HOWEVER ARE GENERAL ANTI-ARAB ATTACKS REQUESTING RETALIATION. OF COURSE TERRORISTIC ACT WAS NOT WAR ACT BUT CRIME. HOWEVER, INNOCENT FELLOW COUNTRYMEN CANNOT BE ALSO TREATED AS CRIMINALS. TRUE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM CAN COME ONLY FROM GENEVA CONFERENCE. TERRORISTS KNOW GENEVA MAY BE BEGINNING OF THEIR END. THEREFORE THEY HIT. HENCE GENEVA MUST SHOW COURAGE TO ADVOCATE TRUE PEACE. THIS IS ONLY LESSON COMING FROM AIRPORT MASSACRE." VOLPE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 19 DEC 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973ROME14143  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** ROME  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19731216/aaaaales.tel  
**Line Count:** 86  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** kellerpr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:** ANOMALY  
**Review Date:** 27 AUG 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <27-Aug-2001 by cunninfx>; APPROVED <07-Sep-2001 by kellerpr>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** n/a  
**TAGS:** PFOR  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005